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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ray,

Since some readers are using the **Bull Sheet** to vent their emotions, I have some personal thoughts to mull over.

President's Messages:

Wasn't it a treat this past year to find a man with some ideas, and the courage to print them? Too often these messages start "I want to thank the membership for their confidence..." and close "Thanking my executive committee for a job well done" blah, blah, blah. Each month I waited to read what Bob Breen had in his craw. Bob did a superb job with his messages. The last President with his gumption was modest Eddie Wollenberg. (I think both these fellows had ghost writers). Isn't it a shame to see national president Charlie Tadge's memos relegated to the pages behind the "Want Ads" in *Golf Course Management*?

The Fall Dinner Dance:

Does this party need more promotion? Without the faithful attendance of our commercial members the ballroom would be empty. Certainly we can double-date with another superintendent and his wife one Saturday night a year. This year's dance was small but lively, thanks to the exhibition by Penny and Mike Bavier. Marlene and I enjoyed our evening at Carriage Greens, thank you Phil Bersin.

What's Up at Illinois?

What is the problem with the turf program at Champaign? Another change, two more college "drop-outs". Now Al Turgeon and John Street, follow Mike Britton and Jack Butler to greener pastures. Is that it, the green stuff? or faculty interference? or turf projects being snubbed at the big corn-soybean school? Surely the founders of the Illinois Turf Foundation didn't intend a **new** program every five years. Examine the tenure of Bill Daniel, Joe Duich and Ralph Engle at their institutions, they must be doing something right. How would you enjoy working toward your master's or doctorate degree, only to find that your faculty advisor had just packed up for greener pastures? Should we seek another **new** man with another **new** program at Champaign, or say "the hell with it" and return our support to West Lafayette, Indiana?

To Dick Morey (Turf Grass Times):

I would like to have a dollar for every mile of Silver Lake that I **walked** this past season. Not all green-keepers are "prima donnas" operating their golf courses from the grill room. While you sit on your "duf" pecking at your typewriter, you, sir, have managed to get my Irish up.

Thanks, Ray, for the opportunity to blow off some steam.

Your friend,
Dudley Smith
Silver Lake Golf Club

Illinois Lawn Equipment Inc. in Orland Park has built a new office and warehouse two miles from the old business location. This larger building will give them the necessary required space in order to serve you better. New Location — 16450 S. 104th Ave., Orland Park, IL.

On December 7, 1979 Turf Products, Ltd. in West Chicago held their annual Christmas party. This is always a good party, where husbands and their wives join together for an evening of fun after a long summer of hard work.

The following pictures were taken at the M.A.G.C.S. clinic:



Dr. Jack Butler, Colorado St. University



Tom Burrows, Turtle Creek C.C.



Dick Delano, Kishwaukee College



Marv Gruening, Carl Grassl



Editor

MIDWEST BREEZES

The 27th annual Midwest Golf Course Superintendents Association turfgrass clinic was held November 27 and 28 at Medinah C.C. Approximately 138 attended the daytime program. Twenty of the top speakers from various parts of the United States headed the program on various subjects pertaining to golf course maintenance. Those of you that stayed home sure missed a very educational clinic.

The keynote address given by **Bob Williams** was exceptionally good. This is always standard for Bob when he accepts an assignment. The evening was devoted to cocktails and a Bob Williams testimonial dinner. One hundred eighty attended. Several telegrams were received from many of Bob's friends and also many gifts. The largest gift was a four door white Cadillac given to him by Bob O'Link C.C. in appreciation for his excellent supervision at Bob O'Link C.C. during the past twenty-five years. Congratulations, **Bob**.

Frank Dinelli, retired Super from Northmoor C.C., is doing real good after two automobiles got a little close to each other and Frank was in one of them. After a stay in the hospital he is back home.

One of our long time Supt. friends **Gerald Dearie** now living in Florida is feeling very good and enjoying the Florida weather.

Dave Meyer, M.A.G.C.S. Secretary-Treasurer was recently elected president of the DuPage County Agriculture Fair Association. Congratulations, **Dave**.

The light square in several of the pictures taken at Medinah C.C. during the clinic is due to a large screen directly behind the speakers podium. It is not the fault of the camera or the photographer. Sorry about this.

The M.A.G.C.S. is very fortunate to have a place like Medinah C.C. to hold their clinic each year. No place could be more convenient and the facilities are perfect. The food and service is always excellent. We thank Medinah C.C. and all the employees and hope they will permit us to come back next year.

M.A.G.C.S. Committee Members for 1980 are: Len Berg - All Committees; David Meyer - Benevolent; Phil Beisin - Golf and Arrangement; Peter Luzinger - Golf; Donald Hoffman - Educational; Tom Vieweg - Arrangement; John Berarducci - Educational.

The nominations for 1980 G.C.S.A.A. election of officers and directors are - for President, Melvin B. Lucas, Jr. C.G.C.S. Vice President, Louis D. Haines, C.G.C.S. - David C. Holler, C.G.C.S. For Directors two to be elected, Paul Boizelle, C.G.C.S. - Robert Osterman, C.G.C.S. - Cary L. Tegtmeier, C.G.C.S. - James Timmerman, C.G.C.S. - Robert Wilson.



Nancy Johnson - Adolph Bertucci - Nancy Norman. Adolph sure knows how to pick the tapstress.

Arthur Clesen Inc. had open house on December 5, 1979 in their new building at 543 Diens Dr., Wheeling, IL. This is a much larger building and will help them to serve you better.

The Chicago Toro has moved their irrigation line into the building next to their present office which is located at 911 Hilltop Dr., Itasca, IL. More floor space makes for better service.

On December 14, 1979 **Adolph Bertucci**, Supt. at Lake Shore C.C. hosted his annual Christmas party. Approximately 200 attended. This party gets bigger and better each year. This proves that **Adolph** does not lose friends like some of us do, he gains more each year. The editor is glad he is one of his friends and hopes it will always be this way.

Mark your calendar for the USGA Green Section Educational Conference on January 25, 1980 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Chicago, IL. For more information consult your December issue of the **Bull Sheet**.

Mike Bavier, Supt. at Inverness CC and GCSA Director, reports he has finished excavating a new lake at Inverness. He also has planted several hundred tulip bulbs around the lake.

Art Benson, Jr., supt. at Butterfield CC has completed the excavating of a lake at Butterfield near #1 tee.

The editor hopes that **Mike** and **Art** don't forget that fish live in water. And that the larger they are when the lake is stocked, the sooner one may wet a line.

Jack Hanson, Supt. at Crystal Lake CC was host to a Christmas party at his club on December 20, 1979. When **Jack** has a Christmas party he goes all the way. And every one that attended sure had a good and enjoyable time.



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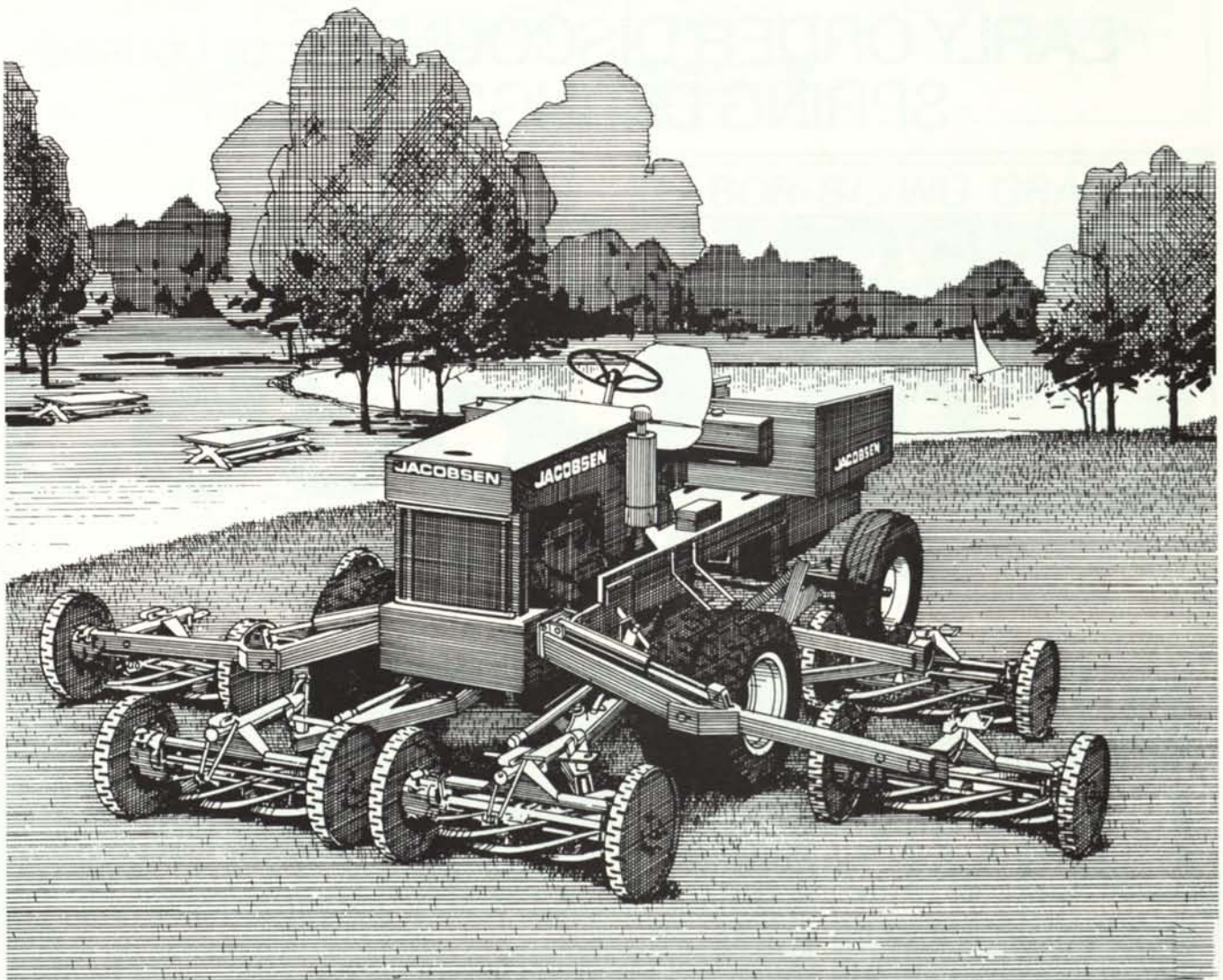
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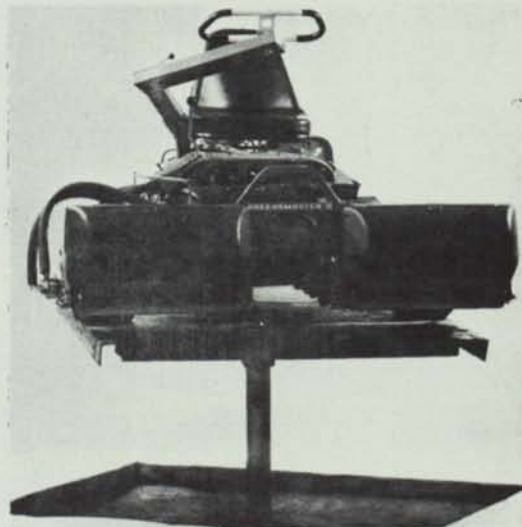
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